

Dear FCC Commissioners:

Compelled to forward this plea that you reject the petition for clarification submitted by Mr. Paul D.S. Edwards concerning consumer consent to contact at cellular numbers previously ported to landlines.

Many consumers are cancelling or integrating landline service in favor of cellular service. Practically all service providers and credit grantors require a telephone contact number in their applications or agreements. Whether consumers choose to or not to port their numbers to land or cellular lines, the businesses that they receive goods and services from must have the right to contact them at the numbers they provide for that very purpose. How then are businesses expected to be aware that the lines were previously land and now cellular? How do they begin to prevent violations and liabilities? Should the petition for clarification be granted and the FCC alter or expand its previously issued, complete and sound declaratory ruling, consumers and litigious attorney's will abuse and exploit the provision to the fullest.

The FCC cannot be unaware of the disastrous impact of the current economy on small business. People are struggling to meet their basic needs and consumers already have every right and ability to avoid and/or be absolved of their responsibilities by a multitude of consumer protection laws. Consumers are being thoroughly educated in all of the mechanisms available to them to receive credit, goods and services without obligation, and how to damage the businesses that provide them in the process. This is another blatant attempt to expose and penalize businesses while enabling unscrupulous consumers and attorneys. At what point will the regulatory agencies draw the line and put an end to this foolishness?

Please do not entertain Mr. Edwards petition. The FCC's declaratory ruling of January 2008 is perfectly clear and fair.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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